

**AGENDA ITEM #10**

September 12, 2003

To: Delta Protection Commission

From: Margit Aramburu, Delta Protection Commission

Subject: Draft Letter Recommending that One Member of the CALFED Bay Delta Public Advisory Committee (BDPAC) Represent Delta Recreation Interests  
*(For Possible Commission Action)*

**Staff Recommendation:**

Evaluate the need for the BDPAC membership to include one person to represent recreation interests. If yes, determine if the original draft letter, emphasizing **Delta** recreation, or proposed amendments to the draft letter, that emphasize broader than Delta recreation, would be appropriate to send to Bay Delta Authority.

**Background:**

A letter from the Recreational Boaters of California (RBOC) representative on the Commission's Recreation Citizens' Advisory Committee (RCAC) asked that the RCAC consider the issue of membership of the Bay Delta Public Advisory Committee (BDPAC). The BDPAC provides public comment to the new Bay Delta Authority. Currently there are no members of the BDPAC who are specifically representative of recreation, although current members are knowledgeable about recreation and partake in water-oriented recreation activities.

**Recommendation of the RCAC:**

The RCAC discussed this issue and asked staff to draft a letter for review. At its May meeting, the RCAC asked that the attached draft letter be submitted to the full Commission for consideration. The RCAC believes it would be appropriate to suggest that one member of the BDPAC be representative of recreational interests.

**Recommendation of the CALFED Committee:**

The CALFED Committee reviewed the proposal at its September 3, 2003 meeting. The Committee members in attendance noted that most of the BDPAC members represent multiple interests, and that two of the BDPAC members are members of the Delta Protection Commission. The Committee members suggested that if the BDPAC were to include a new member to represent recreation interests, that representation should be statewide, not of one particular region, and should represent all aspects of recreation, rather than one particular recreational user group.

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***NOTE: the text in bold italics is alternative language to respond to the comments of the Commission's CALFED Committee. The original text was reviewed and approved by the Commission's Recreation Citizens Advisory Committee.]***

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Dear Mr. Wright:

As you know the California Delta is a very popular recreation area for local residents and residents of the entire State of California. Fishing, boating, hunting, and other recreation activities take advantage of the 1,000 miles of Delta waterways and the balmy climate. Recreation-associated businesses provide one of the important economic generators for the region by providing employment, income, and tax base. The Commission's 1998 report, *The Economic Impact of Recreational Boating and Fishing*, concluded that recreational boating and fishing are an important part of the Delta economy, with boaters spending more than \$400 million dollars and anglers spending nearly that much in and around the Delta annually. ***[The Delta is just one of the several CALFED regions, all of which provide important recreational resources for the State of California.]***

As the adopted Bay-Delta Program is implemented, many of the proposed projects will be located in the Delta. These proposed projects, under the mitigation requirements of the Record of Decision (August 28, 2000) will "incorporate project-level recreation improvements and enhancements" in addition to mitigation that may be required to offset impacts to recreation.

The Bay Delta Public Advisory Committee (BDPAC) is made up of up to 30 members who represent a wide range of interests throughout the California Bay-Delta Authority's problem area and California Bay-Delta Authority's solution area. Currently, none of the members represent recreational interests.

Upon the next vacancy on the BDPAC, the Delta Protection Commission and its Recreation Citizens Advisory Committee urge consideration of candidates knowledgeable about ***[the many, varied types of ]recreation in the Delta [in the California Bay-Delta Authority solution area]*** for appointment to the BDPAC.

The Commission would be pleased to provide names of suitable candidates for consideration. Please let me know if I can be of assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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